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U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, BEAUFORT, S. C.

PART I: HISTORY (July 1961 to June 1962)

During the past year the reorganization of the Archives was completed and a permanent Navy Exchange Toyland was established.

The hospital continues to show a general information movie every working day to improve the corpsmen's knowledge of the Navy, to provide additional information relative to other skills necessary to carry out their duties as members of the Naval Service, in addition to providing leadership information, survival techniques and general information required to keep Navy personnel fully informed.

July 1961 The front of the Hospital was struck by lightning.

Aug 1961 The Navy Exchange Retail Sales Store was expanded and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held the date the expansion was completed. An increase in the amount and variety of merchandise carried evolved with the expansion.

Eleven women from the Beaufort, Parris Island area completed the American Red Cross Nurses Aide Course. The course consists of 20 hours of classroom instruction and three weeks of practical application. At graduation ceremonies each aide received a certificate, pin and cap.

Captain L. J. Elsasser, MSC, USN, the Chief of the Navy's Medical Service Corps inspected the hospital and observed the work of the MSC officers here.

Fourteen civilians received sustained superior performance awards.

The Hospital received its 11th Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Safety. Since the hospital was commissioned in 1949 the hospital has received this award every year except 1958.

The Food Service Division and Maintenance Division received commendations for their divisions performing duties for 12 months without a loss-of-time accident.

Oct 1961 Miss Dorothy Deininger, Head Librarian from Bureau of Naval Personnel and Miss Josephine Neil, Sixth Naval District Librarian, inspected the library facilities at the hospital.

Out of 86 personnel taking the service wide examination in August 1961, 19% were authorized advancement to the next higher pay grade.

Nov 1961

The hospital continued its intensive program to have all staff enlisted members become high school graduates and obtain the GED Equivalency Diploma. In July 1960 33% of the corpsmen on board were not high school graduates. In November 1961 Thomas J. Higginbotham, Jr., HN, USN, received his diploma and had the honor of being the last one to qualify, therefore making it 100%.

Ensign Ronald K. Green, MSC, USN, was commissioned from Hospital Corpsman First Class.

Dec 1961

A Career Appraisal Team from Commander, Mine Force, U.S. Atlantic, conducted a career appraisal program at the hospital.

Sixty volunteers completed the American Red Cross Nurses Aide Course.

Miss Josephine Neil, Sixth Naval District Librarian, conducted a semiannual inspection of the library facilities.

The Staff Enlisted Club was officially opened on 19 December 1961.

The Christmas festivities commenced on 19 December 1961 with the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The Beaufort High School Band played for the ceremony. On 21 December 1961 the judging of the ward decorations and awarding of the plaque to the winning ward was held. On 22 December 1961 the annual Christmas party was held for the children of the hospital staff. On 24 December 1961 the Christmas Eve Candlelight service was held. Throughout the holiday season various groups from the Beaufort and surrounding areas visited the hospital and sang carols on the wards and sponsored Christmas parties for the patients. The community garden clubs decorated the lobby and auditorium.

Jan 1962

Eight civilian employees received sustained superior performance awards.

On 11 January 1962 the hospital issued its 100,000th OutPatient Prescription.

On 22 January 1962 the 50,000th patient was admitted to the hospital.

Feb 1962

A Survey was conducted by Inspector General, Medical. Members of the survey team were: RAdm. L. C. Newman, MC, USN; Inspector General, Capt. S. D. Bond, MC, USN, Professional Division, BuMed; Capt. J. M. Raymond Jr., CEC, USN, SM. Division, BuDocks; Cdr. R. F. Hooper, MSC, USN, Executive Assistant to Inspector General; Cdr. M. C. Grimes, NC, USN, Nursing Division, BuMed; Cdr. R. M. Tenille, MSC, USN, MSC Division, BuMed; Lt. S. D. Barker, USN, EPTOCONUS Representative

Mar 1962

As a result of a survey conducted by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals the hospital was again accredited for a period of three years. Also, the hospital was approved as a one year cancer clinic program.

Hammond B. Smith, Director of Fifth Civil Service Commission Region inspected the Civil Service Commission operation of the hospital.

HMC Norton B. Tumlin transferred to the Fleet Reserve after having completed twenty years active duty.

April 1962

Captain W. R. Staples, DC, USN, was promoted to his present rank.

The Annual Easter Sunrise Service, which is a yearly tradition, was again held in front of the hospital. The Robert Smalls High School Concert Choir and the local ministers participated in this service.

HM2 Edward Y. Gill received a commendation and certificate from the Department of Defense for participating in the launching of the First American Astronaut into Orbit.

Safe Driving and Accident Prevention Awards were presented to civilians.

May 1962

The Navy Nurse Corps celebrated its 54th anniversary. A parade was held in their honor at Parris Island and a cake-cutting was held at the hospital.

The Paul G. Richards Little League Baseball Field was officially opened with Captain Richards throwing out the first ball.

Wendell M. Woody, HM3, received a commendation for outstanding performance of duty by rendering first aid at the scene of an accident.

June 1962

The Hospital Corps celebrated its 64th birthday with a cook-out and cutting of the birthday cake.

Out of 90 personnel taking the February Service wide examinations in February 1962 52% were rated, and advanced.

Chaplain W. T. Vest reported for duty relieving LCDR Lester I. Somers, CHC, USN.

On 30 June 1962 the Nurses Quarters were disestablished in order to designate these quarters for the coming fiscal year as Enlisted Wave Barracks. The nurses who were occupying quarters in the former Nurses Quarters were moved to the BOQ. The first Wave increment is expected in August 1962.

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U.S. Naval Hospital, Beaufort, South Carolina, was commissioned in 1949.

MISSION: Provide general clinical and hospitalization services for the Naval Shore Activities, Marine Corps Activities and Fleet Units of the Operating Forces, and, in addition, provide joint hospitalization services for the Army and Air Force. Provide on-the-job and technical training for Hospital Corpsmen. Provide general clinical and hospitalization services for dependents of the Armed Services and other supernumeraries.

ORGANIZATION: Self contained command.
Management and technical control: Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department.
Coordination Control: Commandant, SIXTH Naval District.
Military Control: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina.

STAFF: Commanding Officer - Capt. P. G. Richards, MC, USN
Executive Officer - Capt. D. S. True, MC, USN
Administrative Officer - LCDR W. L. G. CARTIER, JR., MSC, USN

TYPE: General medicine and surgery

SERVICES AVAILABLE: (Inpatient & Outpatient Care)	General Medicine	Ophthalmology
	General Surgery	Otorhinolaryngology
	Orthopedic Surgery	Pathology
	Obstetrics & Gynecology.	Dentistry
	Pediatrics	Pharmacy
	Radiology	Physiotherapy
	Dermatology	Blood Bank

POPULATION SERVED:	Military	11,000
	Dependents and Retired	13,000

OPERATING BED CAPACITY:	Normal 18 ft. centers	318
	Expanded 6 ft. centers	372
	Emergency Expansion	628

PERSONNEL ALLOWANCE:	OFFICER	
	Medical Corps	21
	Dental Corps	1
	Chaplain Corps	1
	Civil Engineer Corps	1
	Medical Service Corps	10
	Nurse Corps	<u>25</u>
	59	

ENLISTED	Hospital Corps	158
	Dental Corps	2
	Other Enl. USN	<u>5</u>
		165

ESTIMATED GROSS ANNUAL PAYROLL:	Civilian	\$790,716.00
	Military	<u>1,082,514.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,873,230.00

PHYSICAL PLANT: Modern, permanent brick, steel, concrete construction
3 and 5 stories with elevators. Air conditioned.
123.3 acres of ground.

VALUE: (Approximate)	Land	\$62,482.00
	Buildings	10,046,517.00
	Equipment	500,000.00
	Supplies	<u>152,345.00</u>
		\$10,761,344.00

UTILITIES:

Water - 3 deep wells located on lands. Auxiliary
8 inch main to Parris Island (treated water).
Power - Purchased from commercial source.
Emergency 5000 K.V. generator.
Water Treatment Plant - Capacity 700,000 gal. per day.
Sewage Disposal - Capacity 750,000 gal. per day.
Underground & Elevated Tank Water Storage -
350,000 gal. capacity.
Steam Plant - 54,000 lbs. per hour.
Fire Protection - 6 civilian firefighters
2 - 750 GPM pumpers

BARRACKS AND HOUSING:	Bachelor Officers Quarters	- Capacity	10
	Enlisted Wave Quarters	- Capacity	29
	Hospital Corps Quarters	- Capacity	290
	Married Officers Quarters	- Units	28
	Married Enlisted Quarters	- Units	30

TOPOGRAPHY:

Located on Beaufort River - deep water - inland waterway
Elevation - High: 29 feet. Low: Sea Level
Highways: - U.S. 21 and S. C. Route No. 281.
Distances from:

Washington, D.C.	595 miles
Jacksonville, Fla.	220 miles
Savannah, Ga.	45 miles
Charleston, S.C.	80 miles
Columbia, S.C.	120 miles
Beaufort, S.C.	4 miles

Nearest Air Lines, Commercial:

Savannah, Georgia
Charleston, S.C.

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PART III: PLANTS AND GROUNDS

The following contracts were completed during Fiscal Year 1962:

PW 2-61	Lining for water softening brine tanks - Begun 9-30-61 and accepted 11-1-61
NBy 37751	Exterior painting of quarters - Begun 7-10-61 and accepted 10-1-61
NBy 37750	Extension Storm Sewers- Begun 6-29-61 and accepted 9-30-61
NBy 34623	Isolation of Electrical Circuits - Begun 7-27-61 and accepted 10-13-61
NBy 34656	Installation of Safety Boiler Controls - Begun 5-3-61 and accepted 8-13-61
NBy 34658	Reconstruction of Concrete Promenade Roofs - Begun 6-12-61 and accepted 8-12-61

The following contracts were begun and completed in Fiscal Year 1962:

NBy 43192	Refinishing of Metal Furniture - Begun 1-4-62 and accepted 5-12-62
NSSO 1-61	Conversion of Building 25 to Enlisted Mens Club - Begun 11-7-61, accepted 1-15-62 and completed 4-17-62

This project was to provide an enlisted men's club which is operated by the Navy Exchange and was urgently needed to provide a recreational facility for enlisted personnel and their dependents. Approximately 165 staff military and their dependents use this facility.

The following contract has been award but is not completed:

NBy 44058	Repairs to coping and brickwall - Begun 6-11-62 and not completed. This project was done to repair damage done to the front of the main hospital building by lightning on 4 July 1961. The repairs include lightning rods which have been installed over the top of each building with cable running to the ground on each one to prevent further type of damage.
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Telephone System: Due to the deteriorated and outdated condition of the telephone switchboard the hospital is in the process of converting to a dial system throughout the hospital. This will be a commercially owned system and will provide a more efficient telephone communication with the outlying areas and in the hospital itself. The conversion is due to be completed in August 1962.

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PART IV: ORGANIZATION

The organization charts and functional statements are in the process of being revised and will be forwarded upon completion.

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PART V: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Eight members of the staff are certified in their specialties by the American Boards as follows:

Capt. P. G. Richards, MC, USN - Surgery
Capt. D. S. True, MC, USN - Obstetrics and Gynecology
Capt. W. T. Lineberry, Jr., MC, USN - Surgery
Capt. J. T. Jones, Jr., MC, USN - Internal Medicine
LCdr. R. W. Glover, MC, USN - Radiology
LCdr. R. W. Youngblood, MC, USNR - Surgery
Lt. W. R. Forney, MC, USN - Pediatrics
Lt. J. S. Meyer, MC, USNR - Pathology

Eight civilian consultant lecturers were heard during Fiscal Year 1962. Approximately the same number are scheduled for Fiscal Year 1963.

The following professional equipment was procured during Fiscal Year 1962:

Bedside Suction Units (2 purchased)	\$564.00
Resuscitators (2 purchased)	70.00
Meal-on-wheels (2 purchased)	2,292.00
Exercise unit	365.00
Sonic Generator	350.00
Viso-Cardiette	679.00
Collimators (2 purchased)	876.00
Radiographic Grids (2 purchased)	440.00
Ob/Gyn tables (2 purchased)	2,520.00
Mueller Zeiss Operative Microscope	2,158.50
Wheel Stretcher Postoperative and Recovery Model #300 with accessories	670.00
Ambulance, Pontiac	4,599.00

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PART VI: CIVILIAN COOPERATION

Members of the Coastal Medical Society and the local civilian medical doctors have been issued a standing invitation to participate in professional meetings at the hospital.

The medical staff of the hospital meets occasionally with the local civilian medical groups and the Coastal Medical Society. These meetings are of mutual benefit and are well attended.

Community relations with the civil authorities continue to be extremely cordial. The command is a member of the Beaufort Community-Military Council which coordinates all matters of local jurisdiction affecting both civilian and military personnel of the Beaufort area. The command actively participates in various community activities and the fullest cooperation and assistance is given in every instance and in particular to fund raising campaigns as authorized by current directives.